Teaching Hindi Abroad

1329. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Cultural Relations had prepared a panel of candidates during the month of June, 1996 for deputation for teaching Hindi abroad;

(b) if so, whether the selection has been done disregarding the guidelines issued by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether candidates who had been on deputation abroad earlier have also been selected again;

(d) whether the Government propose to direct I.C.C.R. to reselect candidates as per the guidelines issued; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) After seeking nominations from major Indian universities and Central Institute of Hindi, ICCR had conducted interviews for preparing a panel of Hindi teachers to be deputed abroad against existing and future vacancies. The interviews of suitable candidates were held on 25-26 June, 1996 by a duly constituted Selection committee of Hindi experts

(b) No, Sir. The selection has been done within the guidelines for deputation of Hindi teachers abroad and after seeking nominations from a number of universities in India and scrutiny of applications

(c) There are four candidates who have already been deputed by ICCR to foreign countries and who have been selected and placed on the fresh panel. However, as per the decision of the Selection committee, these candidates have been placed last on the panel and candidates who have never been posted abroad earlier will get preference in order of merit.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. Since the selections already made are within the guidelines and policy laid down for this purpose, the Government does not propsoe to direct ICCR to have fresh interviews

Blood Donation

1330. SHRI PINAKI MISRA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether, attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item in the Hindustan Times dated January 14, 1996 to the effect that blood donation from Indians are refused in Sweden on the grounds of congenital risk factor;

(b) if so, whether blood donations from Indian donors are refused on similar grounds of race in other European and developed countries; and

(c) if so, the Government's information in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the report is inaccurate. There is no legislation in Sweden which discriminates among doonors on the basis of a congenital risk factor.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Sharing of Flood Water

1331. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan have requested/proposed to Central Water Commission and the Union Government to expedite the matter relating to sharing of flood water of Ganga with Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken by the CWC/Union Government in this regard;

(d) whether the surplus water of river Ganga is proposed to be utilised by the State Government for its drought prone areas; and

(e) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Ganga Flood Control Board was asked to prepare a scheme for diversion of Ganga water to Rajasthan for 100 days during monsoon at the rate of 1133 cubic metres per second (cumec) near Hardwar and 566 cumec near Bijnore. The study was entrusted to Central Water Commission to find out the availability of surplus water at these two places for diversion to Rajasthan. Government of Rajasthan has requested Central Water Commission to expedite the study.

(c) The study conducted by Central Water Commission revealed that sufficient water was not avilable in Ganga at these two places for more than 20-30 days in a year for diversion to Rajasthan. On the request of Rajasthan, Central Water Commission has agreed to review the study. The time required to take a decision by Ganga Flood Control Board will depend upon the outcome of the study.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Rajasthan has indicated to utilise the surplus flood water of the Ganga in the drought prone areas of the State. The state will formulate a technical proposal depending upon the outcome of the study.

Central Assistance for Irrigation Projects

1332. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY
DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL
SHRI MRUTUNJAYA NAYAK :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the on-going major medium irrigation